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May 5, 2005

To: Town Meeting Members

From: Daniel J. Morgado

Re: Annual Town Meeting – May 16, 2005 at 7:00 PM

Enclosed in this packet is the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee relative to the May 16, 2005, Annual Town Meeting. Attached are the following materials:

1. A status report of current balances of special appropriations.
2. Substitute motions for Articles 6 & 21
3. Maps illustrating the subject street or parcel acceptances or actions for Articles 11 to 14, 19, 20 and 39.

The above listed materials together with the information contained within the Finance Committee Report reflect the current status of the various articles as of this printing.

On Thursday, May 12, 2005, the Annual Pre-Town Meeting will take place in the Selectmen's Meeting Room starting at 7:00 PM. All Town Meeting Members and interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting when additional explanation and information will be available.

As of this printing, there are a number of articles that are still under development and review but will be fully resolved in time for the May 12th Pre-Town Meeting.

Article 7 – Supplemental Budget – This articles seeks authorization of a supplemental budget that is contingent on a Proposition 2^{1/2} override question that will appear on the June 6, 2005, special election ballot. The value of the supplemental budget has been established at \$1,500,000.

I am proposing that these funds be allocated as follows:

Department	Account	Amount	Purpose
Public Buildings	Salaries - All Other	\$73,000.00	(1) Maintenance Craftsman position; (1) Custodial position
	Contractual Services	\$50,000.00	Increase utilities
	Separately Identified Appropriations	\$45,000.00	Increase building improvements
	Total Public Buildings	\$168,000.00	
Police Department	Salaries - All Other	\$110,000.00	(1) Sgt position; (1) Ptl position
	Total Police Department	\$110,000.00	
Highway Department	Contractual Services	\$258,236.00	Increase snow and ice control
	Total Highway Department	\$258,236.00	
Library Department	Salaries - Secretarial and Clerical	\$46,000.00	Restore Sunday hours; restore (2) PAT 6 limited part time positions; increase hours (1) Pat 8 position
	Supplies and Materials	\$16,758.00	Increase various expense areas
	Other Expenses	\$144.00	Increase various expense areas
	Equipment less Trade-In	\$5,000.00	Computer replacement
	Total Library Department	\$67,902.00	
Parks & Recreation	Salaries - All Other	\$30,000.00	Fill soon to be vacant position via retirement position
	Total Parks & Recreation	\$30,000.00	
School Department	Various Accounts	\$865,862.00	Various school operations
	Total School Department	\$865,862.00	
		\$1,500,000.00	

The Board of Selectmen has this issue under review at this time and will determine its proposal at their next meeting on May 9th. This matter will be subject for discussion before the Finance Committee on May 12th upon the conclusion of the Pre-Town Meeting.

Article 8 – Capital Budget – With the defeat of the capital exclusion questions at Monday's Annual Town Election, there will be a reworking of the Capital Budget as shown under Article 8. I expect at this time for a substitute motion to be offered that will

exclude the front end loader (\$150,000) and dump truck/sander (\$125,000) from the list of items/projects. This will lower the value of the Capital Budget from \$1,063,000 to \$788,000.

Article 30 – Aerial Platform Truck – With the defeat of the capital exclusion question, I expect that Town Meeting will be requested to defeat this article since funding this purchase from the existing levy without severe reductions in other spending areas will put the Town out of compliance with Proposition 2^{1/2}. The alternative would be to borrow the funds to effect this purchase which is not what I am recommending at this time. This is an option that could be bundled with the debt exclusion question that will be necessary to fund the construction of a new fire headquarters.

Article 39 – Land Purchase – This office is in negotiation over the purchase of 15,000± s.f. of property located adjacent to the existing fire headquarters. The terms of this purchase are still under negotiations but are expected to be concluded by May 16th. The plan is to construct a new fire headquarters directly behind the existing facility. This will require the relocation of the current Cemetery Department garage and the razing of the existing fire facility once the new building is completed.

Last May, Town Meeting authorized the purchase of a parcel of property on Route 20 for a new fire headquarters. Unfortunately, that sale was not concluded necessitating a reopening of the search for a new site. This proposal makes use of a major portion of land already owned by the Town but a small addition to the land area is required.

If during the review of any of the materials associated with this warrant you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Cc Board of Selectmen
 Finance Committee
 Town Moderator

Warrant Article Appropriation Balances

4/29/2005

01015510 MIS WarArt

581340 Computer Sys Upgrade 51,876.31

01017110 Conservation WarArt

570000 Other Charges & Expend 114,508.09 ****

580400 Conservation Land 89,867.78

01019210 Public Bldg WarArt

520550 Senior High School Design 7,116.64

520580 Beal Elevator 12,644.78

570640 Modular Classrooms Des/Dev 41,500.00

570780 Beal Elevator ATM 5/00 153,899.26

570810 Fire Alarm System Paton 3,790.98

571010 Replace HVAC 1,426.83

571020 Paton School Floor 80,000.00

571030 Resurface Tennis Courts 67,500.00

585330 Modular Classrooms 5,000.00

585460 Police Boathouse 882.18

585540 Re-Seam School Roofs 44,200.00

585610 Fire Headquarters 150,000.00

585620 Sherwood Middle School 405,547.74

01021010 Police WarArt

571040 Replace Cruisers 4,396.00

580490 Replace/Upgrade Radio Sys 15,431.22

585550 Replace Transport Van 1,757.00

01022010 Fire WarArt

571120 STM Prelim Study Fire 15,599.00

01041110 Engineer WarArt

570610 GIS Program 327,142.04

570890 Whitney Street 61,771.94

585170 Public Ways 962,085.99

01042110 Highway WarArt

570820 Radio Systems 20,000.00

570850 Diesel Exhaust 172.34

571050 Dump Truck & Sander 643.25

585160 Storm Drain 43,643.34

585180 Sidewalks 100,000.00

585340 Street Sweeper 159.41

01045010 Water WarArt

585360 Study Water Plant Upgrade 70,000.00

585370 P&I Masonic Tank 2,137.33

585380 P&I Masonic Temple 150,000.00

585400 Develop Additional Water Source 105,000.00

585410 Water Extension Brook 76,361.05

585430 R&I Home Farm Well 7,705.01

585450 Boston Turnpike 452,828.95

585480 Lakewood Water 856.50

585520 Replace Supt Vehicle 3,381.00

585560 Replace Pick up 4,838.00

585570 Repair Air Stripping Tower 45,823.00

585580 New Gulf Booster 210,000.00

585590 Leak Detection Equip 9,625.00

585630 North & South Quinsig 150,000.00

01049110 Cemetery WarArt

585500 General Paving 690.49

585510 Replace One Ton Truck 1,401.00

01054910 Comm on Disabilities WarArt

570180 Building Improvement 18,441.42

01061010 Library WarArt

571100 Prelim Drawings 14,127.13

585530 Repair Slate Roof 5,423.75

01065010 Parks & Recreation WarArt

570620 Park Master Plan 2,559.93

570790 Property Improve - Lake Street 7,627.45

571110 Renovate Municipal Playfields 173,330.00

581360 Renovate Courts 10,929.76

585110 Dean Park Improvement 454.78

Grand Total

4,306,103.67

**** Bond Proceeds

**Substitute Motions
May 16, 2005
Annual Town Meeting**

Article 6

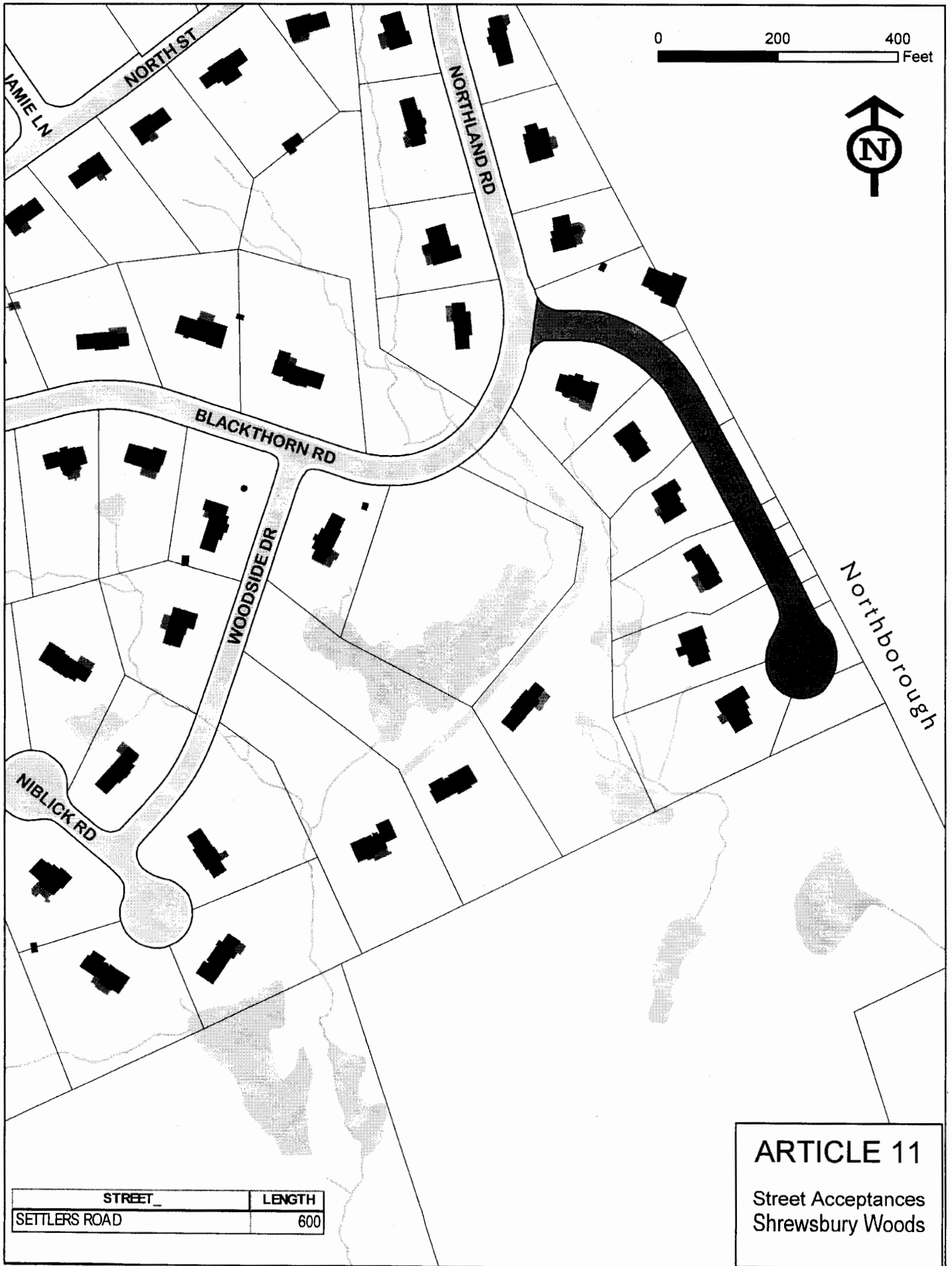
Motion: I move that the Town raise the sum of \$ _____ in the following manner:

\$ _____	by taxation
\$1,477,000.00	by transfer from Free Cash
\$1,988,000.00	by transfer from Sewer Surplus and applying \$1,973,844.73 to the Sewer Department budget and \$14,155.27 to Debt and Interest
\$262,767.00	by accepting said sum from the Municipal Light Department to be applied to Debt and Interest
\$499,545.00	by accepting said sum from CATV funds of the Municipal Light Department to be applied to Debt and Interest
\$10,399.00	by transfer from the Title V Loan Repayment Account (Acct 1910-192000) to be applied to Debt and Interest
\$89,681.00	by transfer from School Building Assistance Aid received in Fiscal Year 2005 to be applied to Debt & Interest
\$275,000.00	by transfer from the Coal Ash Reserve Account and applying it to the Board of Health budget
\$7,116.64	by transfer from the project closeout of the Senior High School Design (acct 01-019210-5220550) and applying it to the Public Buildings budget
\$12,644.78	by transfer from the project closeout of the Beal Elevator Project (acct 01-019210-520580) and applying it to the Public Buildings budget
\$41,500.00	by transfer from the project closeout of the Modular Classrooms Design Development Project (acct 01-019210-570640) and applying it to the Public Buildings budget
\$98,899.26	by transfer from the Beal Elevator Project (May 2000) (acct 01-019210-570780) and applying it to the Public Buildings budget
\$3,790.98	by transfer from the project closeout of the Paton Fire Alarm System Project (acct 01-019210-570780) and applying it to the Public Buildings budget
\$67,500.00	by transfer from the project closeout of the High School (Oak Street) Resurface Tennis Courts Project (acct 01-019210-571-030) and applying it to the Public Buildings budget
\$5,000.00	by transfer from the project closeout of the Modular Classrooms Project (acct 01-019210-585330) and applying it to the Public Buildings budget

and accepting the same to the various departments and purposes as specifically set forth in detail in the report of the Finance Committee as amended except that line items 1, Salaries – Professional, Executive, Administrative, 2, Salaries – Secretarial and Clerical, and 3, Salaries – All Other, be combined under Salaries Grand Total 1-2-3 and considered as one appropriation for all budgets and that line items 4, Contractual Services, 5, Supplies and Materials, and 6, Other Expenses, be combined under total 4,5,6, and considered as one appropriation for all budgets and further appropriate all receipts and other sums of money in accordance with and as recommended in said report as amended, and do further move that, in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, the salaries of all elected town officers be fixed at the amounts and rates set forth in the Finance Committee's report, as amended, effective from July 1, 2005, and all salaries and wages are hereby made effective from July 1, 2005 said wages and salaries to be at the rates set in the Classification and Compensation Plan and the Consolidated Personnel Bylaw in effect July 1, 2005 that said report, as amended, be received and placed on file and that the sum of \$77,320,179.00 appearing in the Fiscal 2006 printed grand total of all departmental budgets be deleted and the sum of \$_____ be substituted in place thereof.

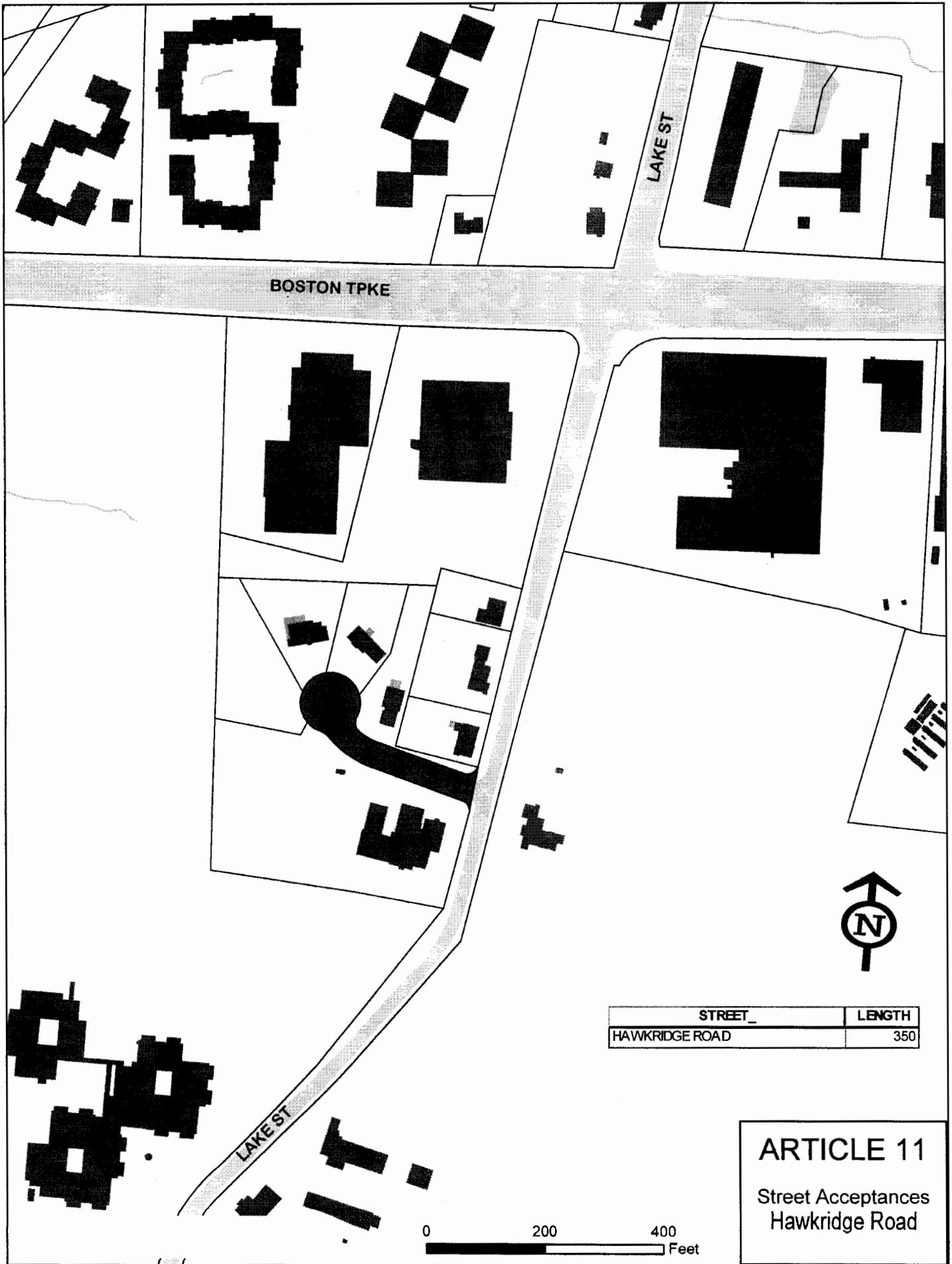
Article 21

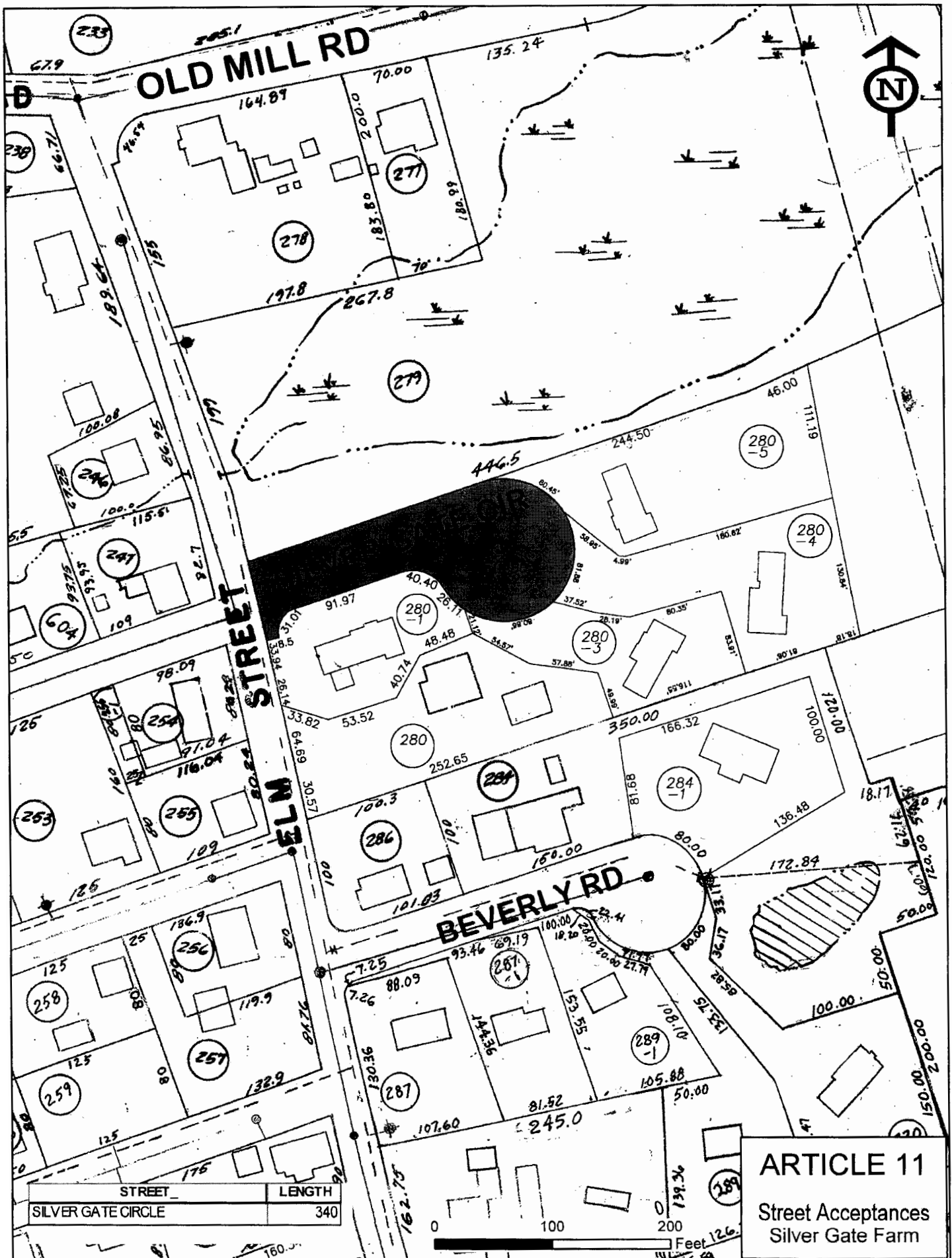
Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or release any easements or real property from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Division of Capital Asset Management, Grafton Water District and Worcester Business Development Corporation, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 3, for the purpose of supplying water to the Town of Shrewsbury, as approved at the Grafton Annual Water District Meeting, under Article 5, of the April 27, 1999 meeting.



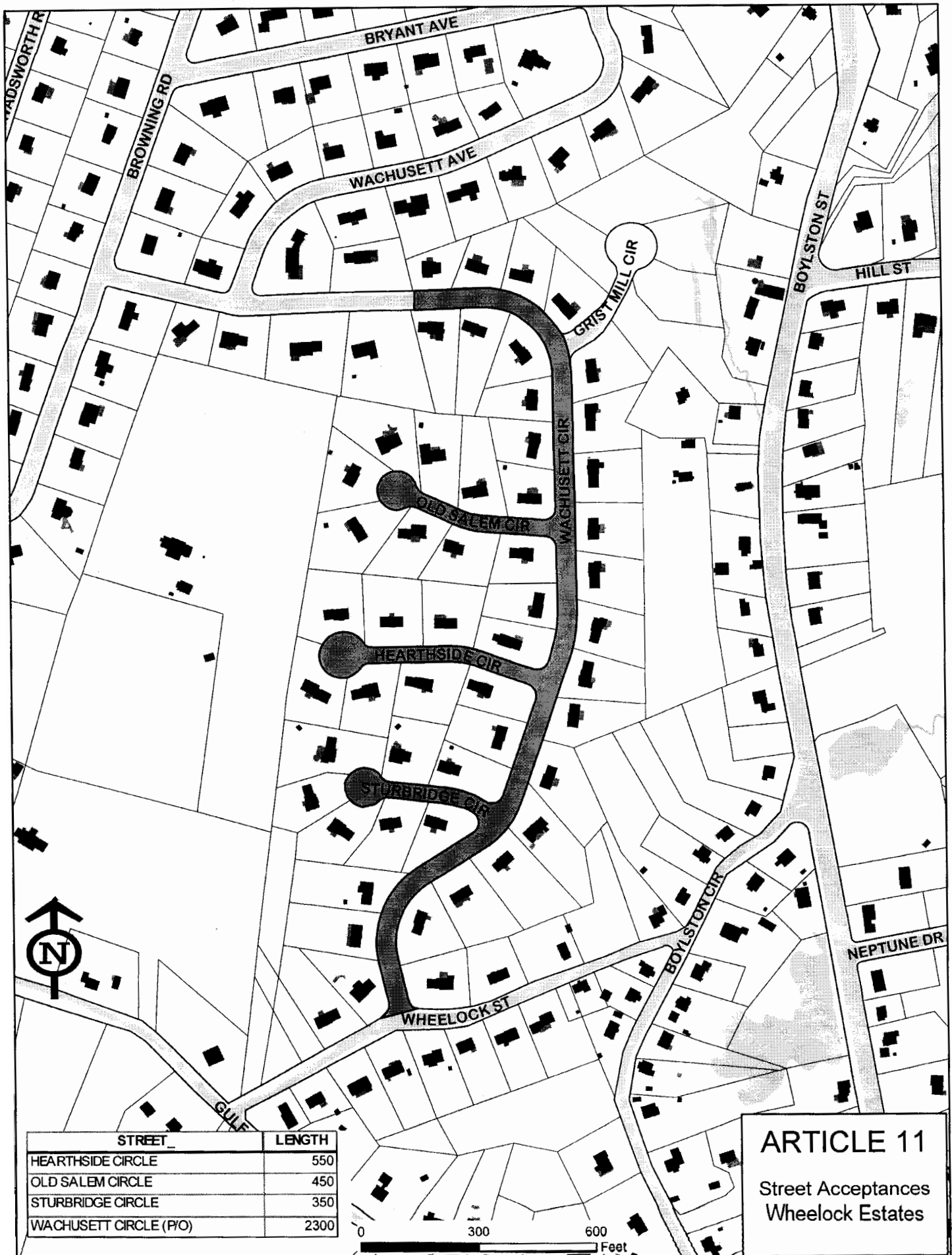
ARTICLE 11

Street Acceptances
Shrewsbury Woods



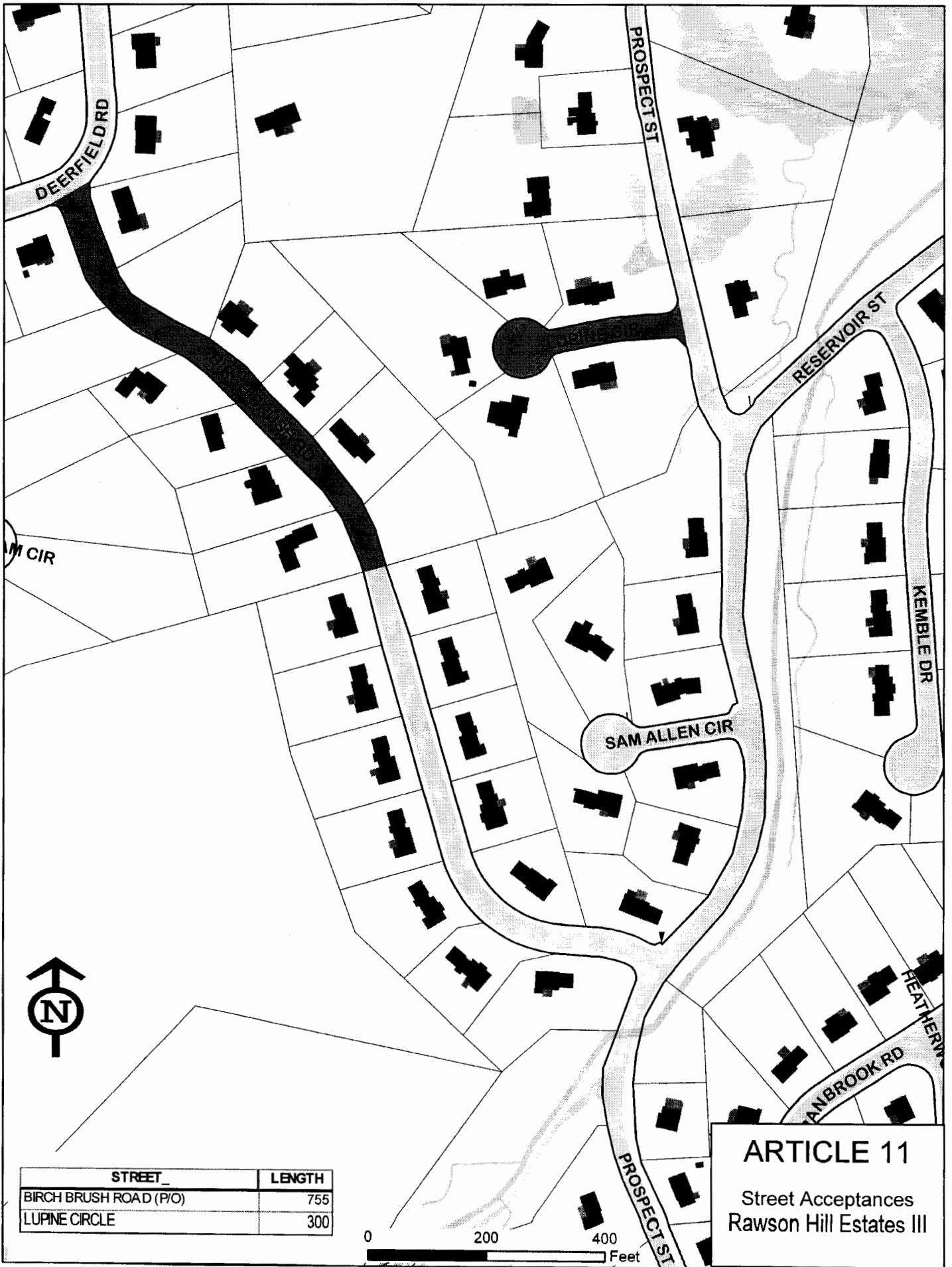


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Street Acceptances
Silver Gate Farm



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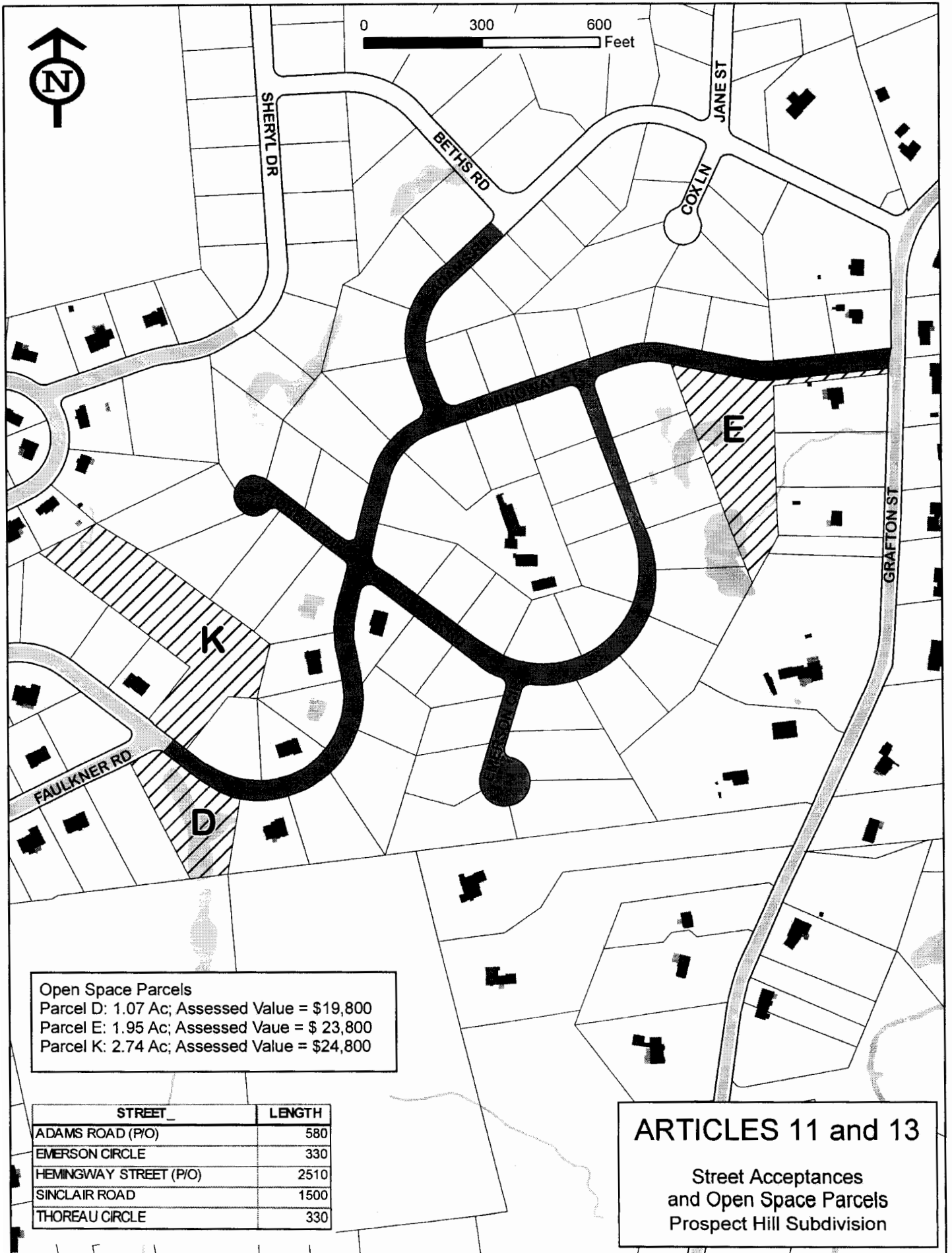
Street Acceptances
Wheelock Estates



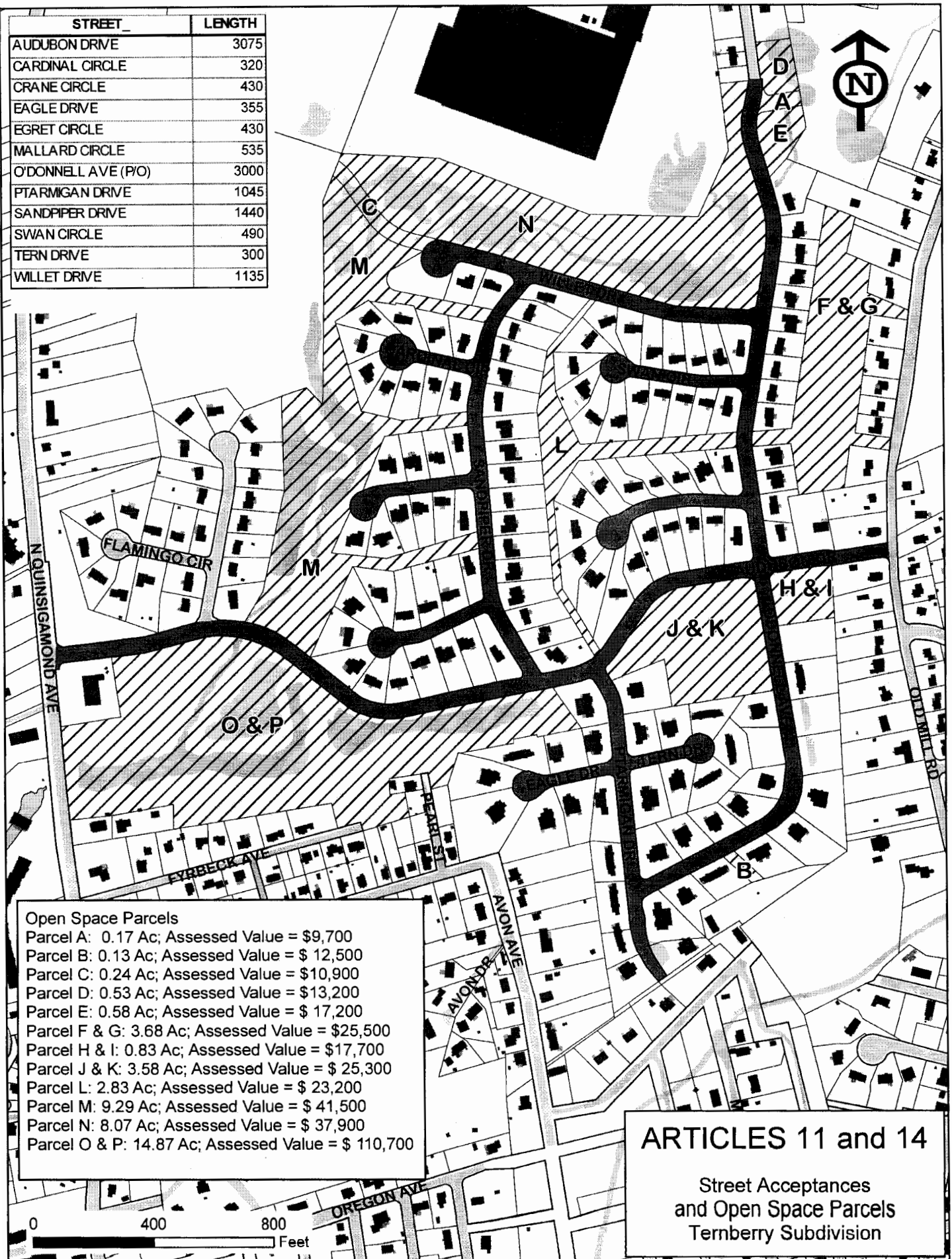
STREET	LENGTH
BIRCH BRUSH ROAD (P/O)	755
LUPINE CIRCLE	300

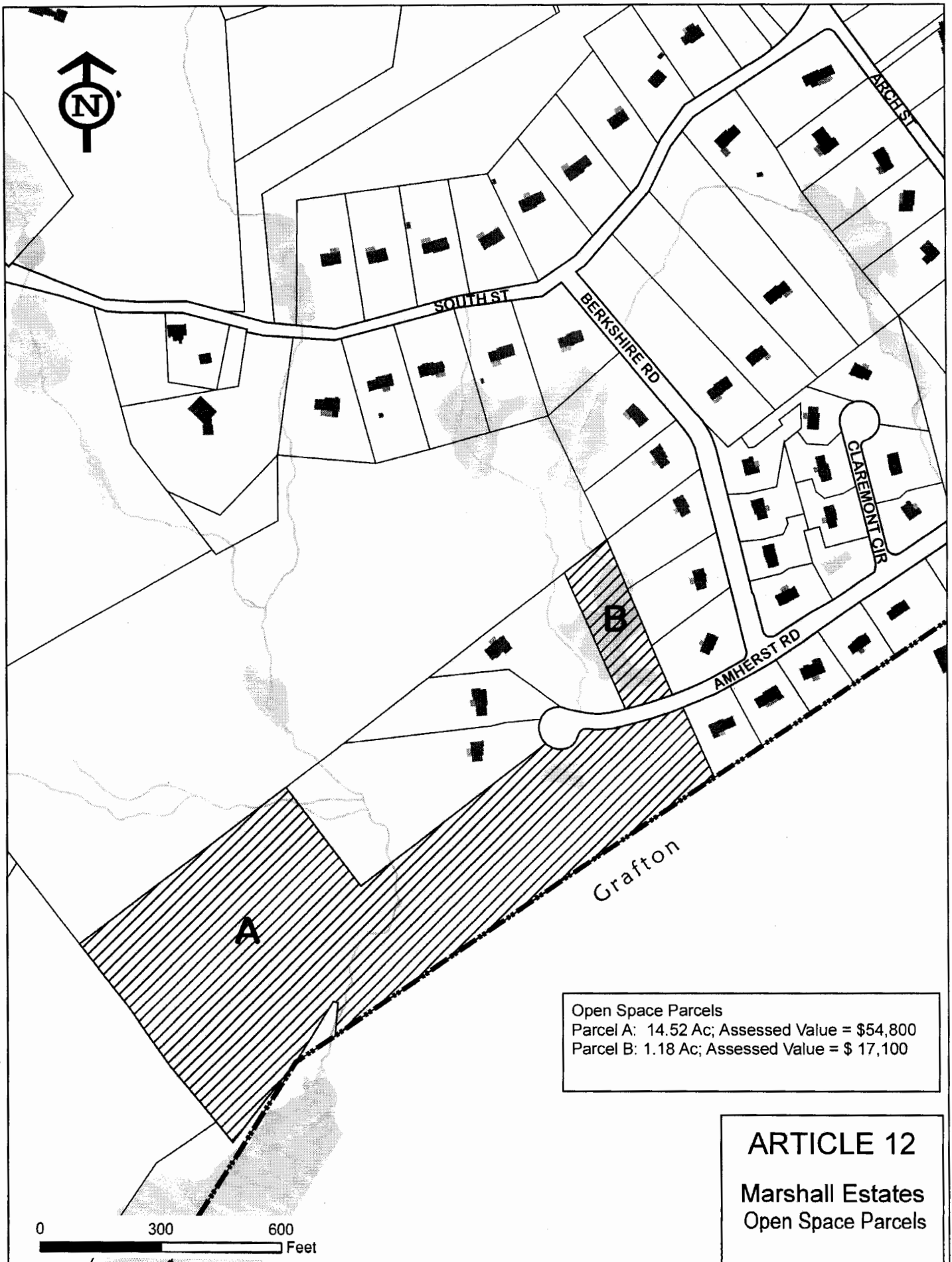
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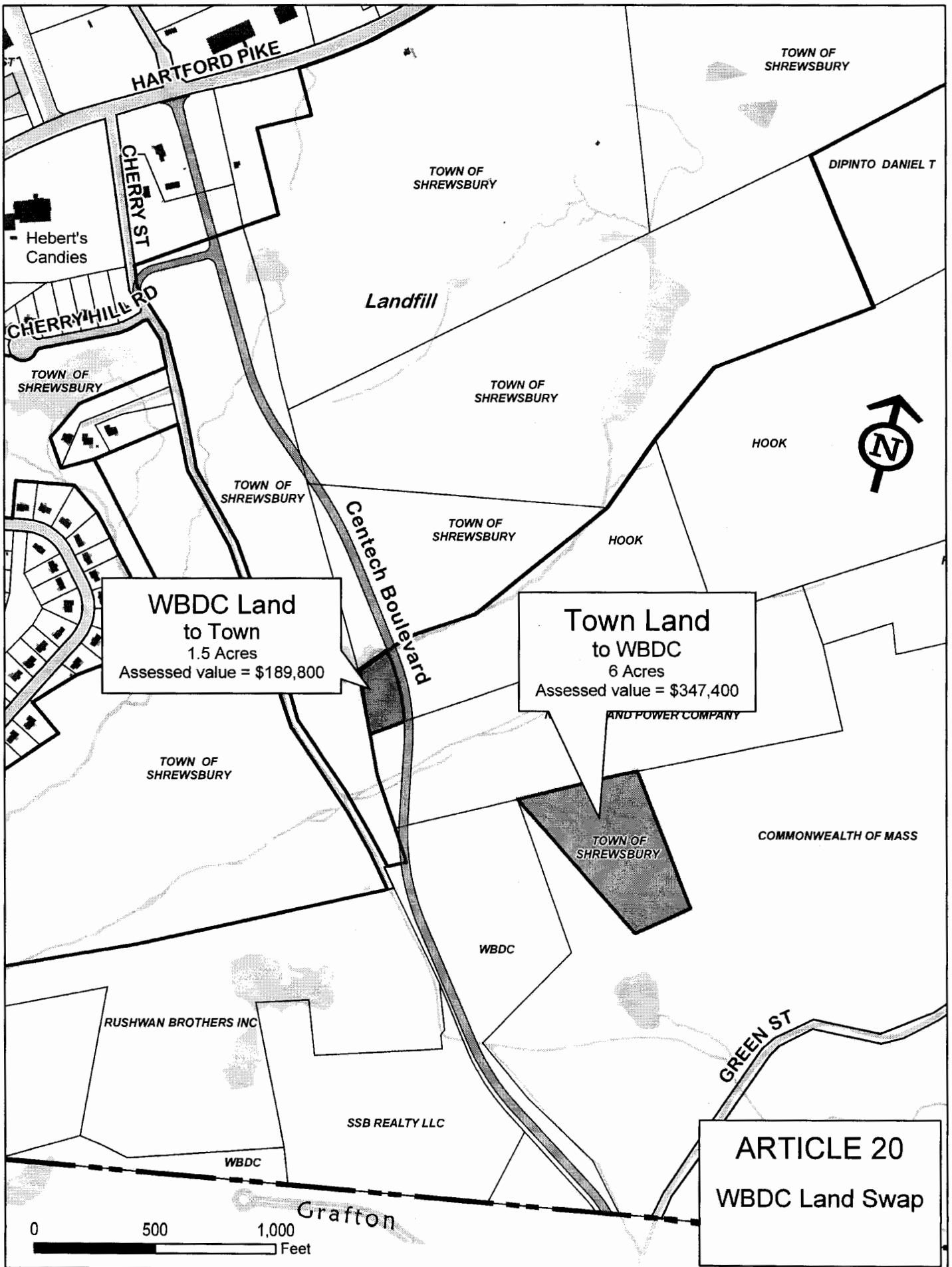
Street Acceptances
Rawson Hill Estates III

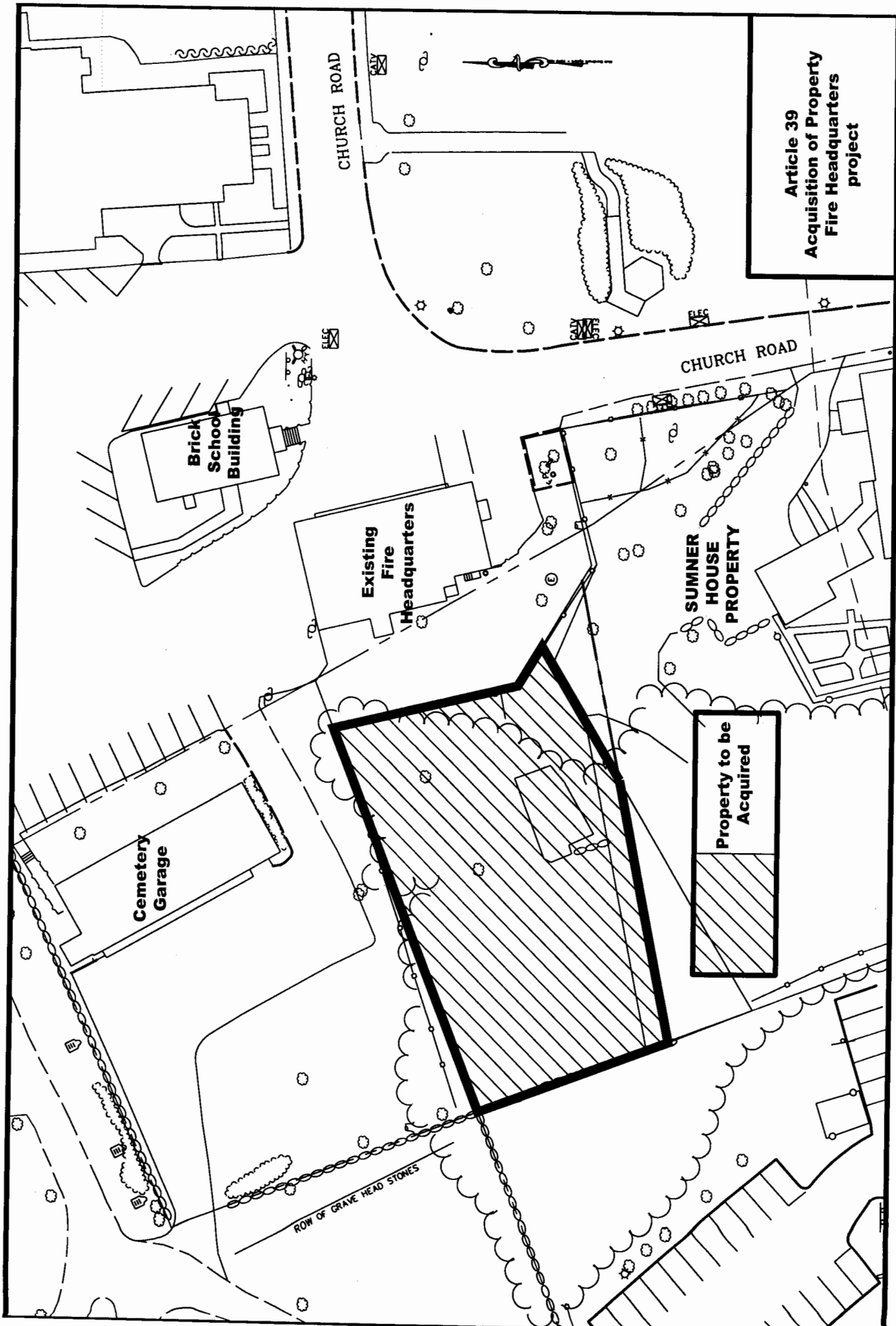


STREET	LENGTH
AUDUBON DRIVE	3075
CARDINAL CIRCLE	320
CRANE CIRCLE	430
EAGLE DRIVE	355
EGRET CIRCLE	430
MALLARD CIRCLE	535
O'DONNELL AVE (P/O)	3000
PTARMIGAN DRIVE	1045
SANDPIPER DRIVE	1440
SWAN CIRCLE	490
TERN DRIVE	300
WILLET DRIVE	1135









Article 39
Acquisition of Property
Fire Headquarters
project